

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
TERREBONNE PARISH COUNCIL
IN REGULAR SESSION

MARCH 12, 2025

The Chairman, Mr. C. Harding, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room. Mr. C. Harding led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Council Members recorded as present were: C. Harding, C. Voisin, Jr., J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, S. Trosclair, and B. Pledger. A quorum was declared present.

Mr. D. Babin moved, seconded by Mr. J. Amedée, “THAT, the Council approve the minutes of the Regular Council Session held on February 12, 2025.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. D. Babin.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: C. Harding, C. Voisin, Jr., J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, S. Trosclair, and B. Pledger.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. D. Babin moved, seconded by Mr. B. Pledger, “THAT, the Council approve the Accounts Payable Bill Lists for 2/28/2025 & 3/10/2025.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. D. Babin.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: C. Voisin, Jr., J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, S. Trosclair, and B. Pledger.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

NOT VOTING: C. Harding.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. B. Pledger moved, seconded by Mr. D. Babin, “THAT, the Council approve the Manual Check Listing for January 2025.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. B. Pledger.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: C. Voisin, Jr., J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, S. Trosclair, and B. Pledger.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

NOT VOTING: C. Harding.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. B. Pledger read a proclamation, proclaiming March 29, 2025, as “Twin Fest Louisiana Day” in Terrebonne Parish.

The Chairman recognized Ms. Kristy Howard, a Houma resident, who accepted the proclamation on behalf of the event and thanked the Council for their recognition.

Mr. D. Babin read a proclamation proclaiming March 20, 2025, as “Retired Teachers Day” in Terrebonne Parish.

The Chairman recognized Ms. Alma Dark, representing the Terrebonne Retired Teachers Education Association, who thanked the Council for the recognition.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Rocky Bush, representing Terrebonne Retired Teachers Association, who thanked the Council for the honors.

Mr. C. Hamner gave a brief background on the continuing efforts of the Retired Teachers Associations.

Mr. J. Amedée moved, seconded by Ms. K. Chauvin, "THAT, the Council revisit Agenda Item No. 1. A. – PROCLAMATION: Proclaiming March 29, 2025, as 'Twin Fest Louisiana Day' in Terrebonne Parish."

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. J. Amedée.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: C. Voisin, Jr., J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, S. Trosclair, and B. Pledger.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

NOT VOTING: C. Harding.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Ms. Cherry Wilmore and Ms. Sherry Wilmore, representing Twin Fest Louisiana, who thanked everyone for the recognition. They announced several of the activities that will be held during the Twin Fest and invited everyone to attend and enjoy the festivities.

Upon the request from Mr. D. Babin, Ms. Cherry Wilmore announced several media outlets they have appeared on and will be appearing on to promote the event.

Mr. B. Pledger moved, seconded by Mr. J. Amedée, "THAT the Council return to the regular order of business as per written agenda."

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. B. Pledger.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: C. Voisin, Jr., J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, S. Trosclair and B. Pledger.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

NOT VOTING: C. Harding.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. J. Amedée moved, seconded by Ms. K. Chauvin, "THAT, the Council rescind the condemnation order adopted on January 28, 2025, on the residential structure located at 5352 North Bayou Black Drive, owned by James Louis and Ernestine Short Ross."

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. J. Amedée.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: C. Voisin, Jr., J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, S. Trosclair, and B. Pledger.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

NOT VOTING: C. Harding.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Michael Raynaud, a Houma resident, who addressed the Council regarding his concerns about "no wake" zones for marine traffic and a lack of accountability for violators.

Mr. B. Pledger moved, seconded by Mr. D. Babin, "THAT Mr. Raynaud's time to speak be extended."

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. B. Pledger.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: C. Harding, C. Voisin, Jr., J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, S. Trosclair, and B. Pledger.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. Raynaud then shared his concerns regarding a potential lack of marine traffic tickets being issued and/or enforced.

Several Council Members also expressed their concerns regarding current regulations for “no wake” zones and low speed limit zones for marine traffic and related issues.

The Chairman recognized Parish President Jason Bergeron who stated that Administration is in the process of replacing missing “no wake” signs along parish waterways.

Mr. S. Trosclair suggested that a letter be sent by the Parish Council to the Attorney General requesting a reversion from the current 5 m.p.h. speed limit back to “no wake” zones as a measure to address potential property damage caused by marine traffic.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Riley Gros, Regional Military Museum President, who expressed his appreciation for the ongoing cooperation between the Veteran’s Memorial District Board and the Regional Military Museum Foundation. He shared a brief overview of the board’s plans for museum improvements.

Mr. Gros invited the public to attend an event honoring Vietnam Veterans to be held Saturday, March 22, 2025, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the museum.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Woodrow Parker, a resident of Morgan City, who addressed the Council about the upcoming 13th Annual Water Safety Awareness Program and Fundraiser that will be held at Dumas Auditorium on June 7, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. He requested the Council’s support for the event via a co-sponsorship.

It was at this time (6:42 p.m.) the Council was recorded as entering into public hearings.

The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

- A. An ordinance to amend 2025 Adopted Operating Budget and 2025 5-Year Capital Outlay Budget of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government for the following items.
 - I. Bayou Country Sports Park-Dog Park, \$150,000
 - II. LCLE, \$21,700
 - III. Houma Police Department, \$100
 - IV. Louisiana Highway Safety Commission Grant Award, \$101,250
 - V. OEP Chiller Coil Replacement, \$65,000
 - VI. Houma Downtown Development Corp, \$60,000

There were no comments from the public on the proposed ordinance.

Mr. D. Babin moved, seconded by Mr. B. Pledger, “THAT, the Council close the aforementioned public hearing.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. D. Babin.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: C. Voisin, Jr., J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, S. Trosclair, and B. Pledger.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

NOT VOTING: C. Harding.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 9689: Amending the 2025 Adopted Operating Budget and 2025 5-Year Capital Outlay Budget of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government for the following items.

- I. Bayou Country Sports Park-Dog Park, \$150,000
- II. LCLE, \$21,700
- III. Houma Police Department, \$100
- IV. Louisiana Highway Safety Commission Grant Award, \$101,250
- V. OEP Chiller Coil Replacement, \$65,000
- VI. Houma Downtown Development Corp., \$60,000

Mr. D. Babin moved, seconded by Mr. B. Pledger.
The ordinance was adopted.

The Chairman called for a report on the Budget and Finance Committee meeting held on 03/10/25, whereupon the Committee Chairman, noting ratification of minutes calls public hearings on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., rendered the following:

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

MARCH 10, 2025

The Chairman, Mr. Brien Pledger, called the Budget & Finance Committee meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room. The Invocation was offered by D. Babin, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Chairman. Upon roll call, the Committee Members recorded as present were: C. Harding, C. Voisin, Jr, J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, S. Trosclair and B. Pledger. A quorum was declared present.

Mr. S. Trosclair moved, seconded by Mr. C. Hamner, “THAT the Budget and Finance Committee open discussion with possible action relative to an application from Bollinger Shipyards Houma, LLC for participation in the Industrial Tax Exemption Program (#20220543-ITE) at Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana. (***MOTION AMENDED AFTER DISCUSSION**)

At the request of Mr. C. Harding, Chief Financial Officer Kandace Mauldin explained that the Industrial Tax Exemption Program (ITEP) would provide new tax revenue and would not impact currently collected taxes. Ms. Mauldin then gave an overview of the taxing districts that would be impacted over the ten (10) year tax exemption period if the application is approved, highlighting the annual average and total tax revenues to be exempted for each of the districts.

Mr. J. Amedée stated that, in the past, the Council has considered resolutions to approve or deny ITEP applications then inquired if another motion would be required to adopt a provided resolution.

At Mr. J. Amedee’s inquiry, Parish Attorney Michell Neil clarified that the language under the Louisiana Administrative Code reads that the item has to be scheduled for a public meeting and that she had recommended the item be brought up for discussion so that the Parish could be allowed an additional 30 days to review the application and allow for discussion.

Discussion ensued relative to the Committee considering a motion to adopt a provided resolution for the application.

*Mr. S. Trosclair offered an *amended motion*, seconded by Mr. C. Hamner, “THAT, the Budget and Finance Committee adopt a resolution to approve Bollinger Shipyards Houma, LLC for participation in the Industrial Tax Exemption Program (#20220543-ITE) at Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana. (****AMENDED MOTION ADOPTED AFTER DISCUSSION**)

Discussion ensued relative to the potential impacts to the associated taxing districts alongside other tax concerns and the exemption's long-term value for the parish and local employment.

The Chairman recognized Parish President Jason Bergeron who shared that a new process will be followed when considering these tax exemptions; noting that the new process will not have a job requirement on the businesses who apply for the exemption.

The Chairman recognized Chief Financial Officer Kandace Mauldin who stated that there will be about 20% of the tax revenue still coming into the parish.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Cohen Guidry, Terrebonne Economic Development Authority Executive Director, who stated that the sales tax paid with the 20% tax revenue received will nearly match the tax revenue of the exemption. He then shared that the rules have been changed on old filings and projects that have just come to fruition and that they will not be under the new rules going forward.

Discussion continued relative to potential losses in revenue for local taxing districts due to tax exemptions and other tax-related concerns with no current budgeting being impacted.

**The Chairman called for the vote on the aforementioned *amended motion* offered by Mr. S. Trosclair.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: C. Harding, C. Voisin, Jr, J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, S. Trosclair and B. Pledger.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: MR. S. TROSCLAIR
SECONDED BY: MR. C. HAMNER

RESOLUTION NO. 25-105

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BOLLINGER HOUMA SHIPYARDS LLC FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE INDUSTRIAL TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM AT TERREBONNE PARISH, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, Article 7, Section 21(F) of the Louisiana Constitution provides for the Board of Commerce and Industry ("BCI"), with the approval of the Governor, to approve contracts for the exemption of ad valorem taxes of a new manufacturing establishment or an addition to an existing manufacturing establishment, on such terms and conditions as the board, with the approval of the Governor, deems in the best interest of the state; and

WHEREAS, Bollinger Houma Shipyards LLC has applied for an Industrial Tax Exemption ("ITE"), #20220534-ITE, which has been approved by the BCI; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order JBE 16-26 and 16-73, as amended, provides that ITE contracts should be premised upon job and payroll creation at new or expanded manufacturing plants or establishments, or upon showing that investment in modernization of the facility represents a compelling basis for retention of jobs, based upon economic benefit in accordance with guidance received from the Secretary of Economic Development and concurred by the Terrebonne Parish Council, Terrebonne Parish School Board and Terrebonne Parish Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order JBE 16-26 and 16-73, as amended, further requires that this Parish Council, together with the other required local government entities signify consent to the terms of the exemption; and

WHEREAS, Bollinger Houma Shipyards LLC has undertaken an addition/expansion its facility at 301 Bollinger Lane, Houma, to grow and expand and increase the efficiency of its

manufacturing capacity with new equipment which used to construct marine vessels for the U.S. Navy TATS program, with associated job retention and payroll; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry has approved the aforementioned project and conveyed the same to this Parish Council, and thus this matter is now ready for a determination of approval of this Parish Council as required by JBE 16-26 and 16-73, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Council, in consideration of JBE 16-26 and 16-73, as amended, and in accordance with Louisiana Administrative Code §501, et seq., Louisiana Revised Statutes 47:1703 and 47:4311, et seq., finds the project contract, as proposed attached hereto, to be acceptable; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon consideration of the foregoing and the public discussion held this day that the Terrebonne Parish Council finds that Bollinger Houma Shipyards LLC has presented compelling evidence that as a result of the completed investment of \$3,878,016 for which the exemption is being sought, and will retain 184 manufacturing jobs at an annual payroll of at least \$12,370,573, approves the terms of the Industrial Tax Exemption contract between the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, and Bollinger Houma Shipyards LLC with respect to the manufacturing plant located in Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

Terms: Exemption Contract for ad valorem taxes exemption at 80% for 5 years and an 80% exemption for the 5-year renewal Exemption Contract, subject to the company's compliance with and performance of the company's objectives considered as to the renewal.

Failure to satisfy 90% of either or both the company's required annual jobs and payroll as attached may result in reconsideration of the terms of the exemption or the opportunity for renewal of the initial five-year exemption.

This Terrebonne Parish Council hereby approves the Industrial Tax Exemption Contract between the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, and Bollinger Houma Shipyards LLC.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Parish Council, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Louisiana Department of Economic Development.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: C. Harding, C. Voisin, Jr., J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, S. Trosclair and B. Pledger.

NAYS: None.

NOT VOTING: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this the 10th day of March 2025.

Mr. C. Hamner moved, seconded by Ms. K. Chauvin, "THAT the Budget and Finance Committee adopt a resolution to approve Gulf Island, LLC for participation in the Industrial Tax Exemption Program (#20220483-ITE) at Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana." (***MOTION ADOPTED AFTER DISCUSSION**)

At the request of Mr. C. Harding, Chief Financial Officer Kandace Mauldin gave an overview of the taxing districts that would be impacted over the 10-year tax exemption period if the application is approved, highlighting the annual average and total tax revenues to be exempted for each of the districts.

*The Chairman called for the vote on the aforementioned motion offered by Mr. C. Hamner.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: C. Harding, C. Voisin, Jr, J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, S. Trosclair and B. Pledger.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: MR. C. HAMNER

SECONDED BY: MS. K. CHAUVIN

RESOLUTION NO. 25-106

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE GULF ISLAND, LLC FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE INDUSTRIAL TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM AT TERREBONNE PARISH, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, Article 7, Section 21(F) of the Louisiana Constitution provides for the Board of Commerce and Industry (“BCI”), with the approval of the Governor, to approve contracts for the exemption of ad valorem taxes of a new manufacturing establishment or an addition to an existing manufacturing establishment, on such terms and conditions as the board, with the approval of the Governor, deems in the best interest of the state; and

WHEREAS, Gulf Island, LLC has applied for an Industrial Tax Exemption (“ITE”), #20220483ITE, which has been approved by the BCI; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order JBE 16-26 and 16-73, as amended, provides that ITE contracts should be premised upon job and payroll creation at new or expanded manufacturing plants or establishments, or upon showing that investment in modernization of the facility represents a compelling basis for retention of jobs, based upon economic benefit in accordance with guidance received from the Secretary of Economic Development and concurred by the Terrebonne Parish Council, Terrebonne Parish School Board and Terrebonne Parish Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order JBE 16-26 and 16-73, as amended, further requires that this Parish Council, together with the other required local government entities signify consent to the terms of the exemption; and

WHEREAS, Gulf Island, LLC has undertaken an addition/expansion its facility at 567 Thompson Road, Houma, to grow and expand its manufacturing capacity with new equipment which will be used to construct steel structures for offshore and onshore customers, with associated new direct job(s) and payroll resulting; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry has approved the aforementioned project and conveyed the same to this Parish Council, and thus this matter is now ready for a determination of approval of this Parish Council as required by JBE 16-26 and 16-73, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Council, in consideration of JBE 16-26 and 16-73, as amended, and in accordance with Louisiana Administrative Code §501, et seq., Louisiana Revised Statutes 47:1703 and 47:4311, et seq., finds the project contract, as proposed attached hereto, to be acceptable; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon consideration of the foregoing and the public discussion held this day that the Terrebonne Parish Council finds that Gulf Island, LLC has presented compelling evidence that as a result of the completed investment of \$1,284,560 for which the exemption is being sought, and has created and will retain 1 manufacturing job at an annual payroll of at least \$50,000 in addition to retaining 214 jobs with \$15,758,712 in payroll, approves the terms of the Industrial Tax Exemption contract between the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, and Gulf Island, LLC with respect to the manufacturing plant located in Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

Terms: Exemption Contract for ad valorem taxes exemption at 80% for 5 years and an 80% exemption for the 5-year renewal Exemption Contract, subject to the company's compliance with and performance of the company's objectives considered as to the renewal.

Failure to satisfy 90% of either or both the company's required annual jobs and payroll as attached may result in reconsideration of the terms of the exemption or the opportunity for renewal of the initial five-year exemption.

This Terrebonne Parish Council hereby approves the Industrial Tax Exemption Contract between the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, and Gulf Island, LLC.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Parish Council, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Louisiana Department of Economic Development.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: C. Harding, C. Voisin, Jr., J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, S. Trosclair and B. Pledger.

NAYS: None.

NOT VOTING: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this the 10th day of March 2025.

OFFERED BY: MS. K. CHAUVIN

SECONDED BY: MR. C. K. CHAMPAGNE

RESOLUTION NO. 25-107

WHEREAS, Louisiana Statutory Law provides for the disposal of surplus movable property having a value of \$5,000.00 or less, in addition to other legally permissible means, at private sale which is, in the opinion of the governing authority, not needed for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the movable property listed in the attached Exhibit A each have a valued of \$5,000.00 or less, as indicated by the values set out next to each item on the attached Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the parish administration has recommended that the movable property listed in the attached Exhibit A be declared surplus as the items are no longer useful, nor do they serve a public purpose and authorizes immediate award to the highest bidder for all items, including those where the highest bid exceeds \$5,000.00; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLOVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council that the movable property listed in the attached Exhibit A be declared surplus and that the Parish Administration be authorized to dispose of said items by private sale or by any other legally approved method to the highest bidder pursuant to statutory law, including those where the highest bid exceeds \$5,000.00.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: C. Harding, C. Voisin, Jr., J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, S. Trosclair and B. Pledger.

NAYS: None.

NOT VOTING: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this the 10th day of March 2025.

OFFERED BY: MR. D. BABIN
SECONDED BY: MR. C. HAMNER

RESOLUTION NO. 25-108

RESOLUTION, approving the proposal for the replacement of chiller coils for the Terrebonne Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (TOHSEP) from Johnson Controls, Inc.

WHEREAS, a price was obtained by TOHSEP to replace the chiller coils in the amount of Sixty-four Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-eight Dollars (\$64,298), and

WHEREAS, after careful review by the TOHSEP it has been determined that the quoted price of Sixty-four Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-eight Dollars (\$64,298), and

WHEREAS, the Parish Administration has recommended the acceptance of the price for the above mentioned at the cost of Sixty-four Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-eight Dollars (\$64,298).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the recommendation of the Parish Administration be approved and proposal for the replacement of chiller coils be accepted and all proper documents be signed pending budget amendment.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: C. Harding, C. Voisin, Jr., J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, S. Trosclair and B. Pledger.

NAYS: None.

NOT VOTING: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this the 10th day of March 2025.

OFFERED BY: MR. D. BABIN
SECONDED BY: MS. K. CHAUVIN

RESOLUTION NO. 25-109

WHEREAS, prices were obtained by Solid Waste Department for the purpose of purchasing (1) Ford F-250 Crew Cab truck through Louisiana State Contract 4400023793 in accordance with LARS 39: 1710, and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Department purchased the truck for Fifty-Three Thousand Seventy-Two Dollars and Sixty-Five Cents (\$53,072.65) from Terrebonne Motor Company which is below the threshold requiring approval from the Council, and

WHEREAS, a 2019 Ford F-250 was involved in an accident and rendered inoperable, and the Solid Waste Department requested to purchase another Ford F-250 Crew Cab truck from Terrebonne Motor Company via State Contract at the aforementioned price to replace the wrecked unit, and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Division advised that this purchase brings the Solid Waste Department over the threshold for the same commodity within a year, and Council approval is required, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Administration recommends granting the Solid Waste Department permission to move forward with the State Contract purchase of the truck from Terrebonne Motor Company to replace the wrecked unit as per the attached documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Budget and Finance Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that approval be granted for the State Contract purchase of the Ford F-250 for Solid Waste Department.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: C. Harding, C. Voisin, Jr., J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, S. Trosclair and B. Pledger.

NAYS: None.

NOT VOTING: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this the 10th day of March 2025.

OFFERED BY: MS. K. CHAUVIN

SECONDED BY: MR. C. K. CHAMPAGNE

RESOLUTION NO. 25-110

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENTS BETWEEN TERREBONNE PARISH CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT AND CERTAIN PARTIES FOR CONTINUED THE RIGHT OF USE OF CERTAIN “BUY-BACK” PROPERTIES AS PART OF THE FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM WITHIN TERREBONNE PARISH.

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14 of the Louisiana Constitution provides that, “[F]or public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions or political corporations may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private corporation or individual”; and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government (“TPCG”) received a ten-million-dollar grant from the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (“HMGP”) in January of 2003; and

WHEREAS, TPCG, as part of the “buy-back” portion of the FEMA HMGP program, has purchased the following properties in Terrebonne Parish:

111 Teles Street, Houma LA 70363 (Parcel ID No. 54542)

(hereinafter “Properties”); and

WHEREAS, FEMA imposes stringent deed restrictions consistent with their “open space” philosophy on the Properties obtained by TPCG through the grant monies; and

WHEREAS, TPCG requires assistance in the care and maintenance of these Properties, as well as assistance in ensuring that the use of the Properties remain consistent with FEMA requirements; and

WHEREAS, TPCG desires to enter into Right of Use Agreements with certain individuals residing in Terrebonne Parish (“Users”), wherein the Users will maintain these Properties in consideration of their use of the Properties consistent with FEMA regulations; and

WHEREAS, TPCG believes that entering into cooperative endeavor agreements with Users, taken as a whole, are not gratuitous and TPCG stands to gain a benefit of commensurate value as the public funds expended herein; and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Council desires to authorize the Parish President to execute the attached cooperative endeavor agreement for right of use of certain properties, consistent with the attached contracts; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council hereby authorizes the Parish President to enter into the attached cooperative endeavor agreements on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: C. Harding, C. Voisin, Jr., J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, S. Trosclair and B. Pledger.

NAYS: None.

NOT VOTING: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this the 10th day of March 2025.

Mr. J. Amedée moved, seconded by Mr. D. Babin, “THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee introduce an ordinance to amend Article IV, Chapter 2 of the Terrebonne Parish Code, Section 2-74(c)(2) to rename the Customer Service Division to the Bill Paying and Licensing Division and call a public hearing on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.”
(*MOTION ADOPTED AFTER DISCUSSION)

At the request of Mr. S. Trosclair, Chief Financial Officer Kandace Mauldin explained that no additional costs were anticipated to complete this change as this would coincide with other office changes which would require new labeling as well.

At the request of Mr. S. Trosclair, Parish President Jason Bergeron stated that the changes are being requested to alleviate confusion when contacting specific departments for assistance.

*The Chairman called for the vote on the aforementioned motion offered by Mr. J. Amedée.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: C. Harding, C. Voisin, Jr, J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, S. Trosclair and B. Pledger.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. C. K. Champagne moved, seconded by Mr. J. Amedée, “THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee introduce an ordinance declaring (2) vehicles from Utilities Department as surplus and authorizing said items to be disposed of by any legally approved methods and call a public hearing on March 26, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.”

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. C. K. Champagne.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: C. Harding, C. Voisin, Jr, J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, S. Trosclair and B. Pledger.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. C. Hamner moved, seconded by Mr. D. Babin, “THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee introduce an ordinance to amend the 2025 Adopted Operating Budget, and 2025 5-Year Capital Outlay Budget of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government for the following items and to provide for related matters:

- I. Williams Ave. Shared Use Path, \$357,153
- II. Houma Downtown Development, \$51,796
- III. Bisland Cemetery, \$30,000
- IV. Hollywood Road Roundabout, \$300,000

and call a public hearing on said matter on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.”
(*MOTION ADOPTED AFTER DISCUSSION)

At the request of Mr. C. Harding, Chief Financial Officer Kandace Mauldin clarified that the funds for Bisland Cemetery were being transferred from an existing “land” ledger account to a newly created “repairs” ledger account.

*The Chairman called for the vote on the aforementioned motion offered by Mr. C. Hamner.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: C. Harding, C. Voisin, Jr, J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, S. Trosclair and B. Pledger.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. K. Chauvin moved, seconded by Mr. C. Hamner, “THAT, there being no further business to come before the Budget & Finance Committee, the meeting be adjourned.”

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Ms. K. Chauvin.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: C. Harding, C. Voisin, Jr, J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, S. Trosclair and B. Pledger.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Brien Pledger, Chairman

Charlie Howard, Sr. Minute Clerk

Mr. B. Pledger moved, seconded by Mr. C. K. Champagne, “THAT, the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Budget and Finance Committee meeting held on 03/10/25.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. B. Pledger.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: C. Voisin, Jr., J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, S. Trosclair, and B. Pledger.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

NOT VOTING: C. Harding.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman called for a report on the Public Services Committee meeting held on 03/10/25, whereupon the Committee Chairman, noting ratification of minutes calls a public hearing on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., rendered the following:

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

MARCH 10, 2025

The Chairman, Mr. C. Voisin, Jr., called the Public Services Committee meeting to order at 5:58 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room. The Invocation was offered, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Chairman. Upon roll call, the Committee

Members recorded as present were: C. Harding, C. Voisin, Jr., J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, S. Trosclair and B. Pledger. A quorum was declared present.

At the request of Mr. C. Harding regarding Agenda Item No. 1 – **RESOLUTION:** Ratifying the appointment of the firm of All South Consulting Engineers, LLC, to provide professional services for the Bayou Country Sports Park Dog Park and authorizing the execution of an agreement for these services, Chief Financial Officer Kandace Mauldin stated that a donation was given and will be approved on Wednesday night; stating that a budget amendment totaling \$150,000 will provide funding for this project and that a contract will be completed once budget amendments are complete. (***RESOLUTION ADOPTED AFTER DISCUSSION**)

OFFERED BY: MR. C. HAMNER
SECONDED BY: MS. K. CHAUVIN

RESOLUTION NO. 25-111

A resolution ratifying the appointment of the firm of All South Consulting Engineers, LLC to provide professional services for the **Bayou Country Sports Park Dog Park Project** and authorizing the execution of an agreement for these services.

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government is desirous of improvements for the Bayou Country Sports Park and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government is desirous of appointing a firm to provide professional services for the project entitled **Bayou Country Sports Park Dog Park Project**, and

WHEREAS, the firm of All South Consulting Engineers, LLC has been selected by Terrebonne Parish President Jason W. Bergeron to provide the professional services relative to said project, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council does hereby ratify the appointment of the firm of All South Consulting Engineers, LLC by Terrebonne Parish President Jason W. Bergeron for professional services for the Bayou Country Sports Park Dog Park Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby authorize the execution of an agreement with the firm of All South Consulting Engineers, LLC by Terrebonne Parish President Jason W. Bergeron.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: C. Voisin, Jr., J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, S. Trosclair and B. Pledger.

NAYS: None.

NOT VOTING: None.

ABSTAINING: C. Harding.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this the 10th day of March 2025.

OFFERED BY: MR. C. K. CHAMPAGNE
SECONDED BY: MR. D. BABIN

RESOLUTION NO. 25-112

A resolution authorizing the signing of the Entity/State agreement with Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for **Williams Ave Shared Use Path, State Project No. 013319**.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government desires to provide protection to the people of this Parish, whenever possible, and

WHEREAS, the Parish would like to construct a shared use path from North Street to Don Diamond Ball Park along Williams Avenue, and

WHEREAS, the funds have been appropriated out of the Transportation Alternatives Program to finance improvement projects under the direct administration of DOTD, and

WHEREAS, the Williams Ave. Shared Use Path project will be funded on a cost reimbursement basis with 80% of project construction costs provided by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government providing 20% of the remaining construction costs, and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government will fund 100% costs for engineering, construction management, testing, and ineligible items, and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government certifies the following:

1. The Parish assumes/certifies full responsibility for the required local match for design engineering, construction administration and testing.
2. Assumes full responsibility for managing and maintaining the project, and
3. Assumes full responsibility for any legal liability incurred as a result of the project

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the President of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, be authorized and empowered to sign subsequent agreements and documentation necessary with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for said project.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: C. Harding, C. Voisin, Jr., J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, S. Trosclair and B. Pledger.

NAYS: None.

NOT VOTING: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this the 10th day of March 2025.

Mr. C. K. Champagne moved, seconded by Mr. C. Harding, "THAT the Public Services Committee consider the introduction of an ordinance to authorize the acquisition of property, sites and/or servitudes for the replacement of the Gum Sewer Force Main - Project No. 18-SEW-41 and call a public hearing on said matter on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. C. K. Champagne.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: C. Harding, C. Voisin, Jr., J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, S. Trosclair and B. Pledger.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. K. Chauvin moved, seconded by Mr. B. Pledger, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Public Services Committee, the meeting be adjourned."

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Ms. K. Chauvin.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: C. Harding, C. Voisin, Jr., J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, S. Trosclair and B. Pledger.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Clayton Voisin Jr., Chairman

Charlie Howard, Minute Clerk

Mr. C. Voisin, Jr. moved, seconded by Mr. S. Trosclair, "THAT, the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Public Service Committee meeting held on 03/10/25."

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. C. Voisin, Jr.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: C. Voisin, Jr., J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, C. Hamner, K. Chauvin, S. Trosclair, and B. Pledger.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: D. Babin.

NOT VOTING: C. Harding.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. S. Trosclair moved, seconded by Mr. B. Pledger, "THAT, the Council approve the following streetlight listing:

STREET LIGHT LIST

03-12-2025

INSTALL ONE (1) STREET LIGHT ON EXISTING POLE AT 7545 GRAND CAILLOU ROAD (LA 57); DULAC, LA, 70353; RLD #4; SLECA; DISTRICT 7; DANIEL BABIN."

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. S. Trosclair.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: C. Harding, C. Voisin, Jr., J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, S. Trosclair, and B. Pledger.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. S. Trosclair. moved, seconded by Mr. D. Babin, "THAT, the Council ratify the Parish President's appointment of Mr. Gilbert Dardar to the Veteran's Memorial District Board."

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. S. Trosclair.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: C. Harding, C. Voisin, Jr., J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, S. Trosclair, and B. Pledger.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. S. Trosclair led a discussion regarding Agenda Item 6A – Discussion regarding presentation of commendations to parade krewes – and stated that an incident occurred during the recent parade season with regards to the presentation of a "key to the city" commendation. He stated that a commendation that was to be provided to Mr. B. Pledger, who was serving as Grand Marshal for one of the parades, was given to a driver escorting the float. In Mr. Trosclair's opinion, he stated that the gesture, giving the commendation to a float escort, was wrong and he apologized to Mr. Pledger and his family for the incident.

The Chairman recognized Parish President Jason Bergeron who shared his experience and understanding of the incident at the time.

Mr. B. Pledger shared several personal experiences and/or opinions relating to Administrative decisions, policies, and/or protocols as it relates to Council District No. 1; highlighting that some of the decisions that are being made impacts Council District No. 1 and its residents.

It was at this time Mr. B. Pledger was recorded as exiting the proceedings.

The Chairman recognized Parish Attorney Michelle Neil who advised that the discussion remain on topic as pertaining to the agenda.

The Chairman called for discussion regarding Agenda Item No. 6. B. – Councilman Brien Pledger request information regarding parish expenditures between \$30,000 and \$60,000 following the contracting and purchasing threshold increase adopted on March 13, 2024. There was no discussion on this item

Mr. J. Amedée moved, seconded by Mr. S. Trosclair, “THAT, the Council deviate to Agenda Item No. 7. A. – Vacancies to Various Boards, Committees, and Commissions – to allow Mr. B. Pledger to return and have the discussion he requested.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. J. Amedée.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: C. Harding, C. Voisin, Jr., J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, D. Babin, and S. Trosclair.

NAYS: C. Hamner and K. Chauvin.

ABSENT: B. Pledger.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman announced the following vacancies:

RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 5 BOARD: Two (2) expiring terms on 02-28-25.

RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 10 BOARD: One (1) expiring term on 04-23-25.

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 5 BOARD: One (1) expired term.

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 9 BOARD: One (1) vacancy due to a resignation.

COTEAU FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD: One (1) expired term.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION: Five (5) expired terms. (Each representing the following entities: Two (2) representing the Council, one (1) representing the Chamber of Commerce, one (1) representing the Historical Society and one (1) representing Downtown Merchants).

TERREBONNE PARISH TREE BOARD: Two (2) expired terms and one (1) vacancy due to a resignation.

VETERANS MEMORIAL DISTRICT BOARD: One (1) expiring term on 03-27-25 (representing the American Legion Post 380).

INVENTORY TAX ADVISORY COMMISSION: Three (3) local business representatives.

nominated from each of the following entities: (Chamber of Commerce, TEDA and SCIA)

HOUMA BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS: One (1) vacancy due to a resignation. (Board appointment would be an Alternate Member).

Announcements–Parish President:

- Parish President Jason Bergeron invited everyone to several upcoming events throughout the Parish, including the following:
 - Cast Iron Cookoff on Sunday, March 16, 2025, in downtown Houma.
 - Relay for Life Lip Sync Contest on Saturday, March 16, 2025, at 6 p.m., at Cypress Columns
 - He then shared events at the Regional Military Museum, Bayou Terrebonne Boucherie, and the Haven would also be held in the coming weeks.

Announcements–Council Members:

- Ms. K. Chauvin announced several events:
 - Easter Extravaganza, April 5, 2025; Bayou Bash and East Houma Cleanup, April 12, 2025.
 - She then shared that she is creating a Non-Profit and asked for volunteers to serve on the Board and work with the organization.
- The Chairman shared his support for improving cooperation and addressing issues in the Parish.

Mr. D. Babin moved, seconded by Ms., K. Chauvin, “THAT, there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting be adjourned.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. D. Babin.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: C. Harding, C. Voisin, Jr., J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, and S. Trosclair.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: B. Pledger.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

ELISHA SMITH, MINUTE CLERK

CARL HARDING, CHAIRMAN
TERREBONNE PARISH COUNCIL